

requirements related to ancillary services, *pro forma* transmission tariffs, and comparability for power pools in its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this docket. The Commission is issuing this notice to announce the dates of three technical conferences concerning these matters.

DATES: September 29, 1995: requests to speak and description of issues to be discussed; October 26, 1995: Commission technical conference on ancillary services; October 27, 1995: staff technical conference on *pro forma* tariffs; December 5 and 6, 1995: Commission technical conference on comparability for power pools.

ADDRESSES: File descriptions of issues with the Office of the Secretary, 825 N. Capitol St., NE, Washington, D.C. 20426; the conferences will be held in Washington, D.C. at locations to be announced in the future.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ancillary Services

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Pro Forma Tariffs

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The Commission proposed requirements related to ancillary services, *pro forma* transmission tariffs, and comparability for power pools in our Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) in this docket.¹ Today we announce our intention to hold a Commission technical conference on ancillary services on October 26, 1995 from 9:30 until 5:00; a staff technical conference on *pro forma* tariffs on October 27, 1995, from 9:30 until 5:00; and a Commission technical conference on comparability for power pools on December 5, 1995, from 1:00 until 5:00, and on December 6 from 9:30 until 5:00. The three conferences will take place in Washington, D.C.

The conference on ancillary services will address what services are necessary to support the transmission of electric power from seller to buyer given the need to maintain reliable service, who should provide those services, and related issues. The conference on the *pro forma* tariffs will address the terms and conditions of non-discriminatory service, such as definitions of terms, the kinds of service available, reassignment rights, and other issues. The conference on power pools will address how to implement the comparability requirement for power pools.

Those wishing to attend any of these conferences should contact the relevant Commission staff person identified below no later than September 29, 1995. Persons wishing to speak at any of the conferences should file with the Secretary no later than September 29, 1995 a (maximum) one-page description of the issues they wish to discuss.

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Staff will publish a notice of the agenda and specific location of each conference.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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18 CFR Parts 141 and 388

[Docket No. RM95-9-000]

Real-Time Information Networks; Notice of Timetable and Opportunity for Participation in Industry Working Groups

August 10, 1995.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Timetable and Opportunity to Participate in Industry Working Groups.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is issuing this notice to announce the timetable for further actions in this docket and the opportunity for participation in two industry working groups, with expected representation from all segments of the electric industry, to consider recommendations to the Commission concerning the requirements for Real-Time Information Networks.

DATES: Any submittals from the working groups should be filed by October 16, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 N. Capitol St., NE, Washington, D.C. 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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¹ 60 FR 17662 (April 7, 1995), IV FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,514 (1995).

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[Docket No. RM95-9-000]

August 10, 1995.

On July 27, 1995, the Commission held an informal Technical Conference¹ to discuss, *inter alia*, the process for developing requirements for Real-Time Information Networks (RINs).²

Different panels representing a cross section of the electric industry discussed the efforts of the industry to date, what industry standards are needed, what information is needed on a RIN, how a RIN should be structured, and what actions the Commission should next take to resolve remaining issues and proceed to develop rules for RIN requirements. In particular, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) described efforts they had been making, in conjunction with other parties, to work on issues related to RINs development.

Chair Elizabeth Moler stated the Commission's intention of issuing a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments late in 1995 that will propose mandatory requirements for an information system. She expressed the

Commission's willingness to make use of consensus proposals that are submitted in advance of the supplemental NOPR in developing the proposed rule.

During the discussion at the Technical Conference, a consensus developed that two industry working groups should be formed, one dealing with "what" information should be posted on a RIN and the other dealing with "how" to design a RIN to communicate this information (interactively, if possible) to the industry and what, if any, national standards this would require.

Based on the consensus of the participants at the Technical Conference, the "what" group will be facilitated by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC)³ and the "how" group will be facilitated by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).⁴ Staff intends to consult and participate in the activities of both working groups. Each working group will be composed of representatives of all segments of the electric industry. The two working groups will try to reach consensus on as many issues as possible and prepare reports to the Commission describing all areas of consensus as well as the issues where there are differences and what those differences are. Any consensus proposals or other materials that a working group wishes the Commission to consider in preparing the supplemental NOPR should be filed with the Commission no later than October 16, 1995.

Any working group reports submitted should be as specific as possible and include draft regulations implementing the recommended RIN requirements (and presenting alternative recommendations where consensus has not been reached).

The discussion at the Technical Conference indicated that it may be necessary to start out with a basic set of RIN requirements to be effective as of the effective date of a final rule on non-discriminatory open access transmission and stranded costs, with the possibility of later enhancements or refinements. Thus, any working group reports submitted should address whether the RIN requirements should be implemented in phases, and, if so, what RIN requirements should/must be included in the first phase. If the working group reports recommend a

phased approach, they should consider the timetable for when basic and more complete systems can be developed and put in place. Ideally, if RIN requirements are developed in phases, later phases should make use of the investments made in earlier phases.

There was considerable discussion at the Technical Conference and in comments about the need for a commercially workable definition of "available transmission capacity." The report submitted by the "what" working group should address this issue and whether a phased approach to this issue also is appropriate.

The working groups are encouraged to continue their efforts, after the October 1995 submittals, to reach consensus on any remaining issues.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 CFR Part 230

RIN 3220-AA61

Reduction and Non-Payment of Annuities by Reason of Work; Correction

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Correction to proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the proposed rule which was published on Wednesday, August 16, 1995 (60 FR 42482). The proposed rule relates to the revision of the Railroad Retirement Board's regulation that explains how employment or self-employment performed after the beginning date of an annuitant's railroad retirement annuity may cause a reduction in, or non-payment of, the annuity.

DATES: The comment period has been extended to September 25, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas W. Sadler, Assistant General Counsel, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, (312) 751-4513, TDD (312) 754-4701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A line of text was inadvertently omitted from the document submitted for publication which could prove misleading to individuals reviewing the document. Therefore, § 230.17 of the proposed rule revising title 20, chapter II, part 230 of the Board's regulations, in the

¹ See 60 FR 17726 (April 7, 1995); 60 FR 33375 (June 28, 1995); and the unpublished notice of the preliminary agenda for the Technical Conference (issued on July 19, 1995).

² The Commission also previously announced, 60 FR at 17727-28, that it expected to enlist working groups, operating in consultation with Commission Staff, to reach consensus on RIN-related issues and that it expected to have RIN requirements in place no later than the date when it issues a final rule, in Docket No. RM95-8-000, an open access transmission, 60 FR at 17728.

³ The NERC coordinator is Mr. David Nevius, telephone # (609) 452-8060, facsimile # (609) 452-9550.

⁴ The EPRI coordinator is Mr. Gerry Cauley, telephone # (415) 855-2832, facsimile # (415) 855-8997.